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Coastal Resources Management Grant Solicitation and Pre-Application Workshops Announced

ERIE, Pa. – The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Coastal Resources Management Program (CRM) plans to accept grant applications for federal fiscal year 2018 beginning Monday, August 14, 2017, through Monday, October 16, 2017, at 4 p.m. Projects funded through the CRM Program must be located within or must directly affect the Lake Erie Coastal Zone, including the Lake Erie Watershed. For those projects awarded funding, the grant term will begin October 1, 2018, and end March 31, 2020.

To be considered for funding, applicants <u>must attend either a workshop or staff appointment</u> to review information and instructions on the competitive grant program:

- A workshop for interested applicants will be held Thursday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Erie County Conservation District, 1927 Wager Road, Erie, PA 16509.
- Individual appointments with staff will be available Thursday, July 20, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Erie County Department of Planning, 150 E. Front St, Erie PA, 16507.

Eligible applicants include state agencies, local governments and authorities, schools and universities, and incorporated nonprofit organizations.

"This program is an excellent opportunity for participating municipalities to help preserve some of the region's sensitive environmental resources," said Katherine Wyrosdick, director of the Erie County Department of Planning.

More information about the application process can be accessed at the PA DEP's Coastal Resources Management website at https://www.dep.state.pa.us/river/czmp.htm. For more information or to schedule an individual appointment, please contact Amy Murdock at 814-451-7328 or by email at amurdock@eriecountypa.gov.

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